

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 970

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Herbert and Hazel Lewellen on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, in Waynetown, Indiana, on March 10, 1946, Herbert Lewellen and Hazel Hamilton were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Herb Lewellen retired from R.R. Donnelley's in Willard, Ohio, in 1990, and Hazel Lewellen retired in 1991 from the former Mapa Pioneer, also in Willard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen were devout and active members of the First United Methodist Church in Willard before moving to Tennessee in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Lewellens have been highly respected citizens of their Ethridge community since 2000; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; their three children are Greg, Mike, and Cynthia; and

WHEREAS, the Lewellens are also the proud grandparents of ten grandchildren, one of whom is deceased; and seven (soon to be nine) great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the couple's family hosted an open house at the Ethridge United Methodist Church to celebrate the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Lewellens' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of love and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Herbert and Hazel Lewellen on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.